



## AGENDA MEMO

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 4, 2006**

**DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**ITEM DESCRIPTION: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COMMISSION FOR THE LAS VEGAS CENTENNIAL AND THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS**

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In compliance with NRS 482.37903, fees collected from the issuance of the Centennial commemorative license plates must be used for projects relating to the commemoration of the history of Las Vegas, including, without limitation, historical markers, tours of historic sites and improvements to or restoration of historic buildings or structures.

The Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial ("Commission") administers the revenue from the sale of the Centennial license plates. The Commission and approved a grant award of \$75,000.00 from these funds to the City of Las Vegas in January 2006. The MOU between the Commission and the City was approved by the Commission on August 21, 2006. The funding will be administered by the City of Las Vegas Historic Preservation Officer (HPO) and HPC to complete the following projects:

- **\$55,000 – 1) Historic Resource Survey and Inventory:** Consultants are hired to complete historic surveys of individual historic properties and historic neighborhoods within the City of Las Vegas. Past surveys have included the downtown area, John S. Park historic district, Las Vegas High School neighborhood district, and others. These surveys are a valuable planning tool for revitalization efforts.

2) *Research and Documentation:* Research is needed to prepare historic walking tours, brochures, and other publications. Consultants are hired to take photographs, do physical site documentation, and use library archives to complete reports, back-up information for lectures and other presentations for neighborhood meetings and professional conferences.

3) *Nomination Reports:* Consultants are hired to conduct research and documentation to prepare reports nominating historic resources to the City of Las Vegas Historic Property Register, and/or the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Currently, the City has seven properties on the local register, including the U.S. Post Office and Courthouse, the 5<sup>th</sup> Street School, and the John S. Park historic district. Properties on the State and National Register include, among others, the Mormon Fort, the Las Vegas Springs Preserve, and the Westside School.
- **\$15,000 – Small Grants (\$1,000 to \$5,000):** Small grant awards to owners of historic properties that cannot pay for historic rehabilitation projects due to economic hardship, or who need matching funds for larger grants. Grants would be administered by the Historic Preservation Commission, and City of Las Vegas Historic Preservation Officer.

- **\$5,000 – Awards Program:** Awards given during throughout the year, and during Historic Preservation Month held in May. Awards to be given by the Historic Preservation Commission to those individuals or groups that have given their time, money, labor, etc. toward historic preservation projects. The Historic Preservation Commission would determine who will receive the awards, and what the awards will consist of.